

FROM THE WORLD OF GHOST



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Sister Imperator



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NO...!



FOR
THE LOVE
OF GOD...



...HAVE
MERCY!

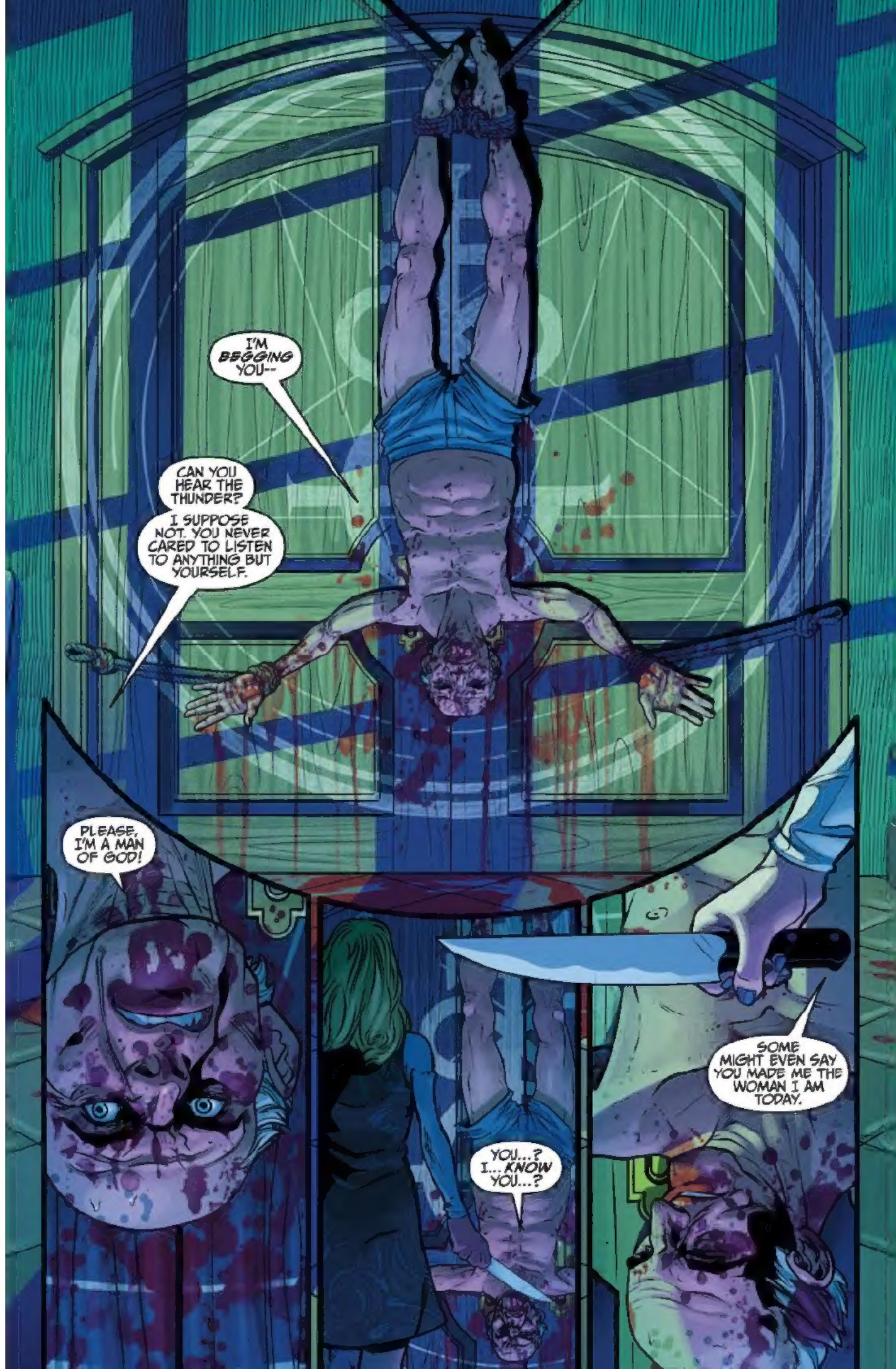


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MERCY
IS THE ONE
THING I DIDN'T
LEARN AT MY
POP'S KNEE.



PLIP



I'M
BEGGING
YOU--

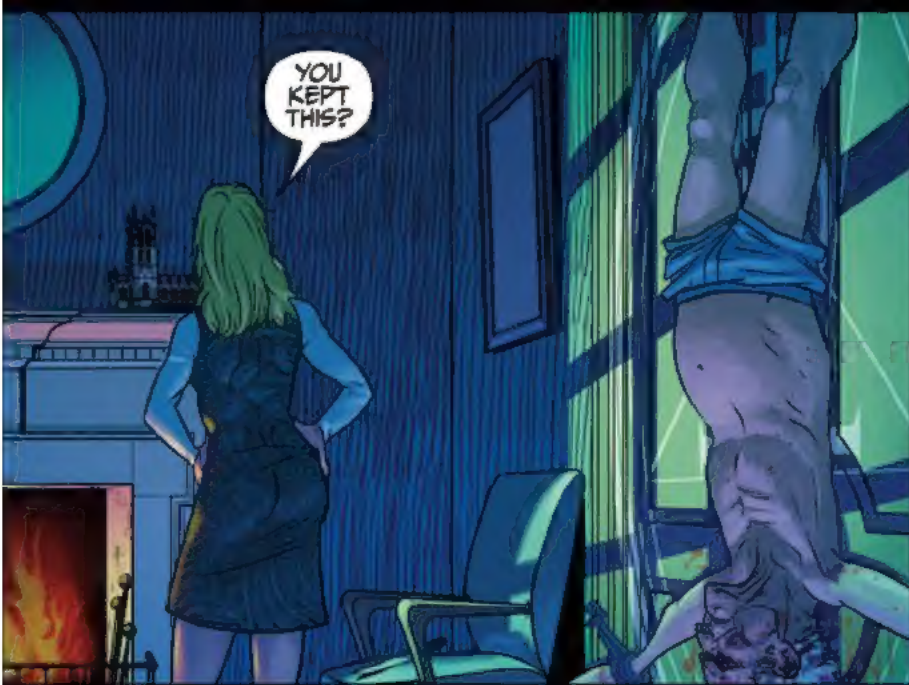
CAN YOU
HEAR THE
THUNDER?

I SUPPOSE
NOT. YOU NEVER
CARED TO LISTEN
TO ANYTHING BUT
YOURSELF.

PLEASE,
I'M A MAN
OF GOD!

YOU...?
I... KNOW
YOU...?

SOME
MIGHT EVEN SAY
YOU MADE ME THE
WOMAN I AM
TODAY.



DROP THE WEAPON!



HANDS
IN THE
AIR!



YOU'RE
BRINGING
HER OUT
NOW?

OKAY,
WE'RE SETTING A
PERIMETER. ONLY
E.M.T.S ALLOWED
THROUGH.




CAN
WE GET A
STATEMENT?
CAN
YOU TELL
US...




...WHY
YOU DID
IT?

IS HE
REALLY DEAD?
HAVE YOU KILLED
BEFORE?

WHAT
DID YOU
DO TO
HIM?



IF THE
PUNISHMENT FIT
THE CRIME, WHAT
DID HE DO TO
EARN THIS?



YOU,
I LIKE. COME
SEE ME
IF YOU
CAN.

SEVERAL HOURS LATER.

STILL WILLING TO TALK?

THAT DEPENDS.

ON WHAT?

I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THIS.

SHE DOESN'T LOOK SCARY NOW, BUT WHAT SHE DID TO THAT OLD GUY...!

I'M SURE SHE HAD HER REASONS. I'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS I DON'T GIVE HER ONE, RIGHT...?

THERE IT IS.

WHAT?

THE RIGHT ATTITUDE. THAT WOULD BE THE ATTITUDE YOU DON'T HAVE.

IT'S YOUR FUNERAL, I GUESS.

I WON'T TAKE TOO MUCH OF YOUR TIME.

IT LOOKS LIKE I HAVE QUITE A BIT OF THAT TO SPARE AT THE MOMENT.

WHAT CAN I CALL YOU, MA'AM?

SISTER IMPERATOR WOULD BE RESPECTFUL...

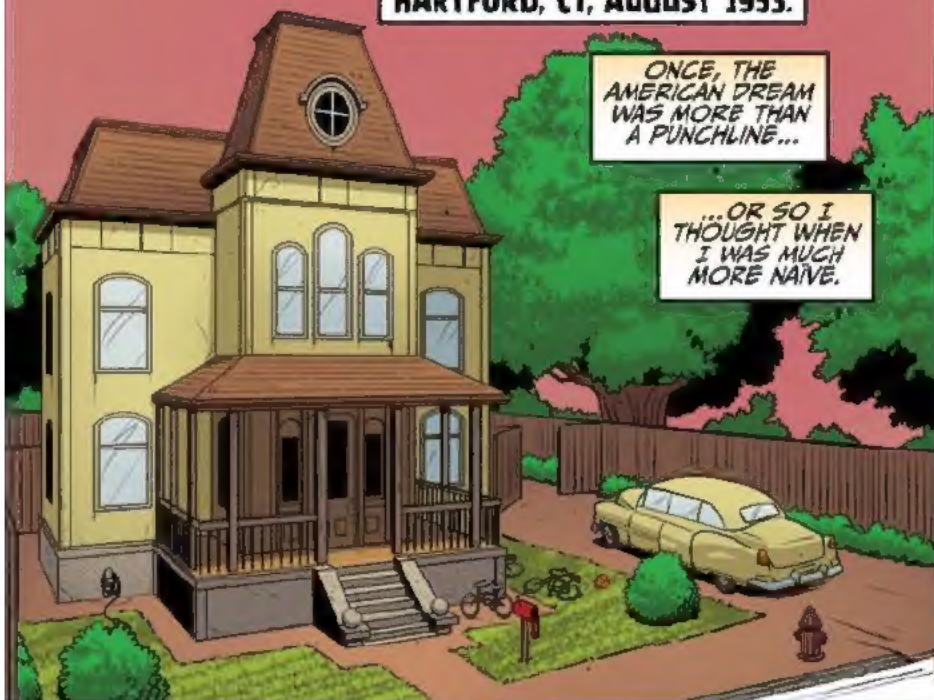


...BUT
LET'S TALK
ABOUT A TIME
WHEN JUST *SISTER*
WAS MORE
APPROPRIATE.

HARTFORD, CT, AUGUST 1953.

ONCE, THE
AMERICAN DREAM
WAS MORE THAN
A PUNCHLINE...

...OR SO I
THOUGHT WHEN
I WAS MUCH
MORE NAÏVE.



GIRLS!
TIME TO
COME IN!
YOUR
FATHER WILL
BE HOME
SOON!



GO GET
CLEANED
UP.
WE'RE
HAVING
COMPANY AT
DINNER.



OH,
EARLIER THAN
I EXPECTED!

CRACK

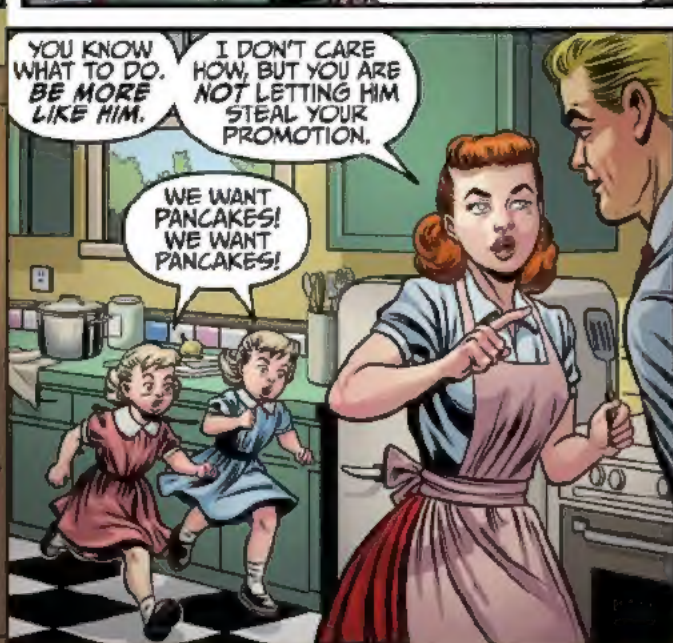
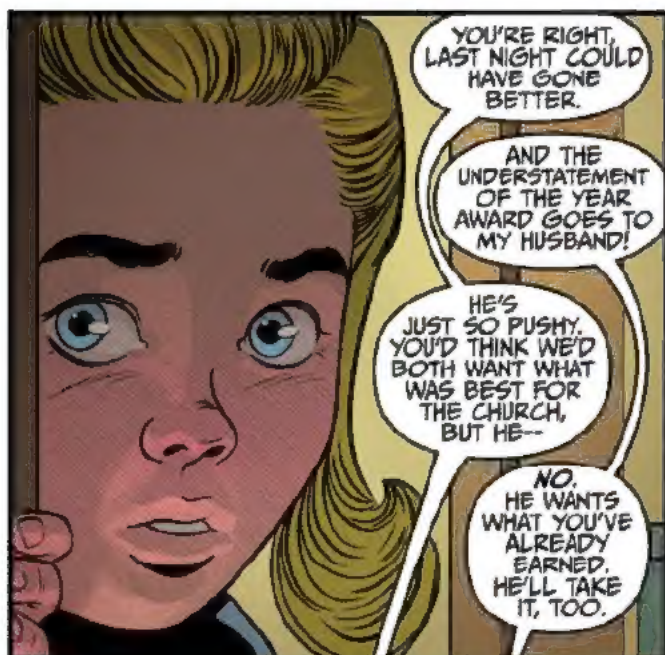


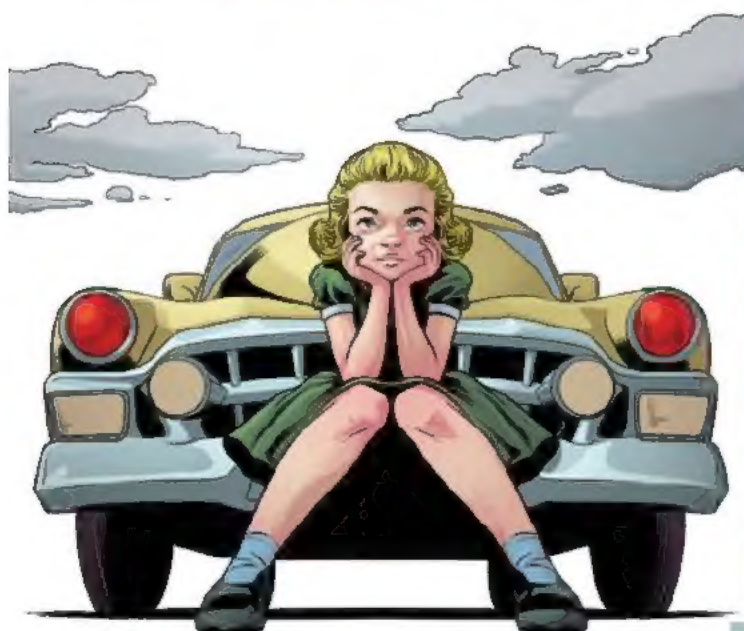
I WANT
EVERYONE
TO WELCOME
OUR NEW
REVEREND!

I'M
SORRY BUT I'M
AFRAID I JUST
COULDN'T
WAIT...

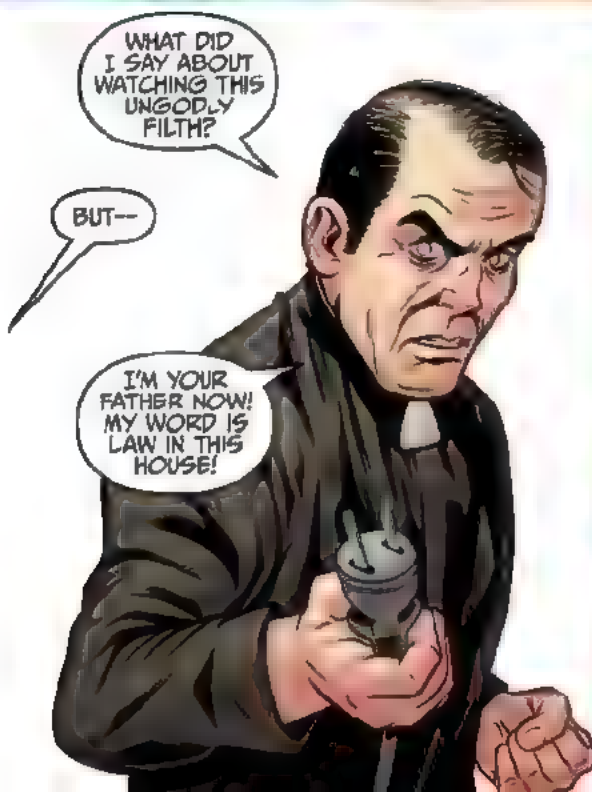
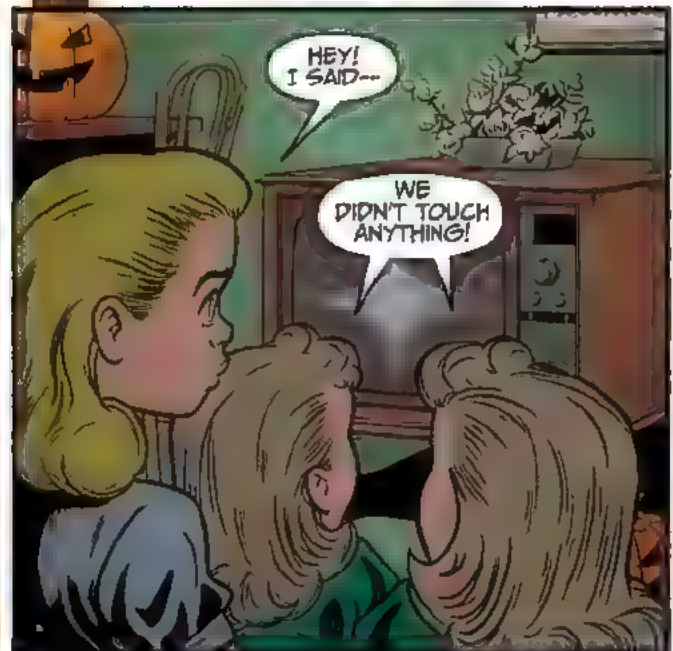
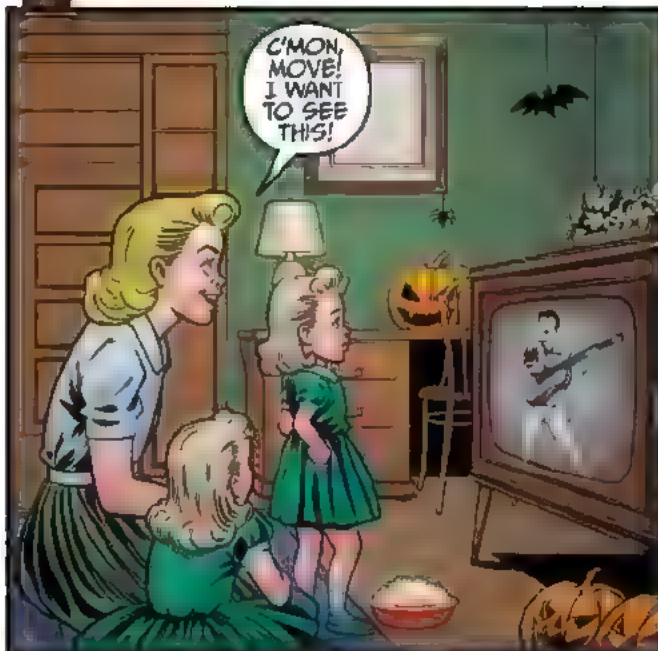
...AFTER
HEARING
ABOUT YOUR
BEAUTIFUL
FAMILY AND YOUR
RENOWNED
COOKING ALL
DAY!

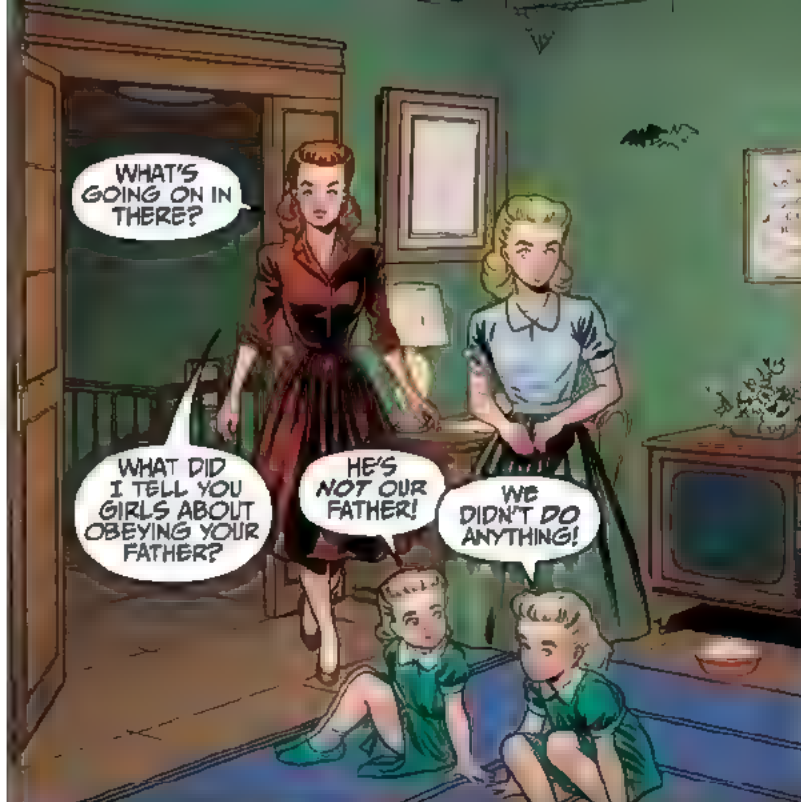
IT DIDN'T TAKE
LONG FOR ME
TO LEARN THE
TRUTH, THOUGH.









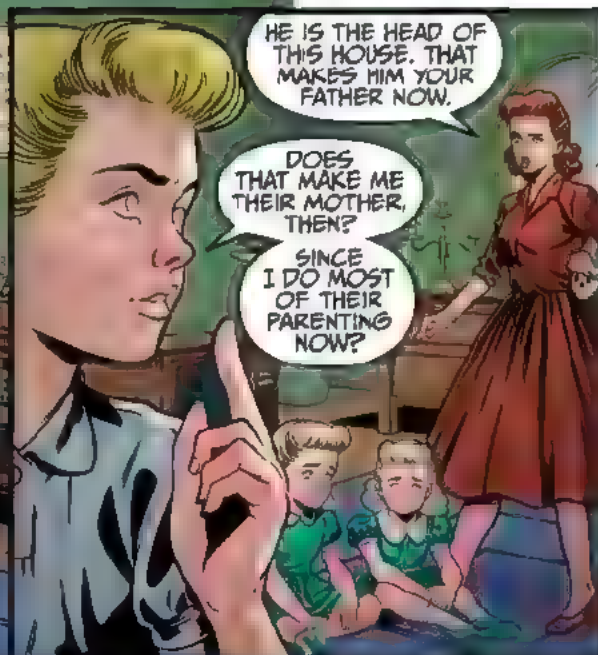


WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?

WHAT DID I TELL YOU GIRLS ABOUT OBEYING YOUR FATHER?

HE'S NOT OUR FATHER!

WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!



HE IS THE HEAD OF THIS HOUSE. THAT MAKES HIM YOUR FATHER NOW.

DOES THAT MAKE ME THEIR MOTHER, THEN?

SINCE I DO MOST OF THEIR PARENTING NOW?



APOLOGIZE, WICKED IMP!

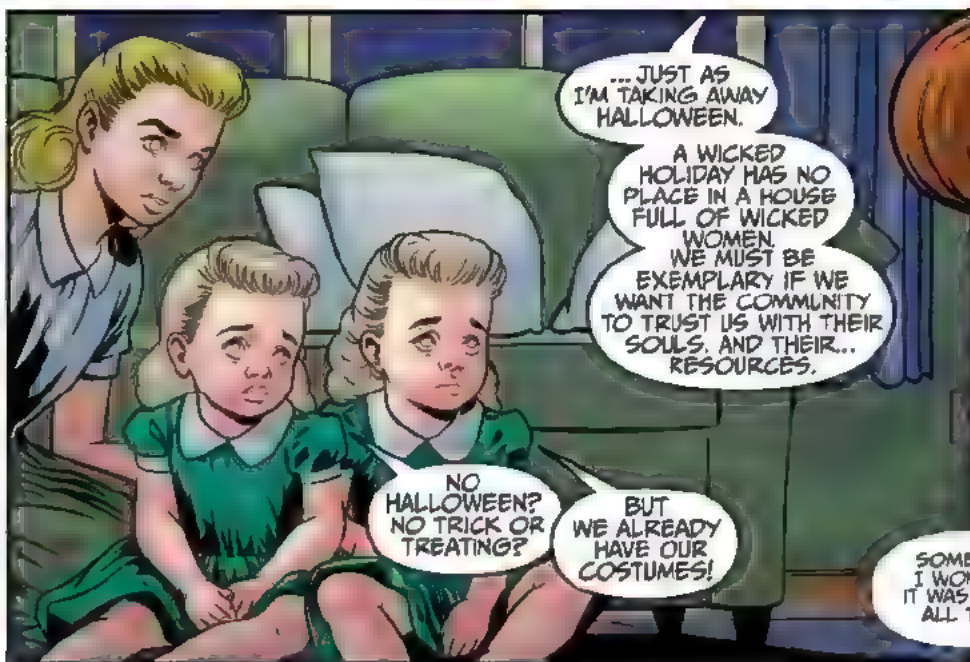
THE DEVIL IS IN YOU GIRLS. WE MUST SHOW A FIRMER HAND!

HOW DARE YOU? YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW HARD THINGS WERE, BEFORE...!



THE MAN DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO CONTROL ANYTHING, EVEN HIS FAMILY.

HOWEVER, I KNOW GOD GIVES, AND GOD TAKES AWAY...

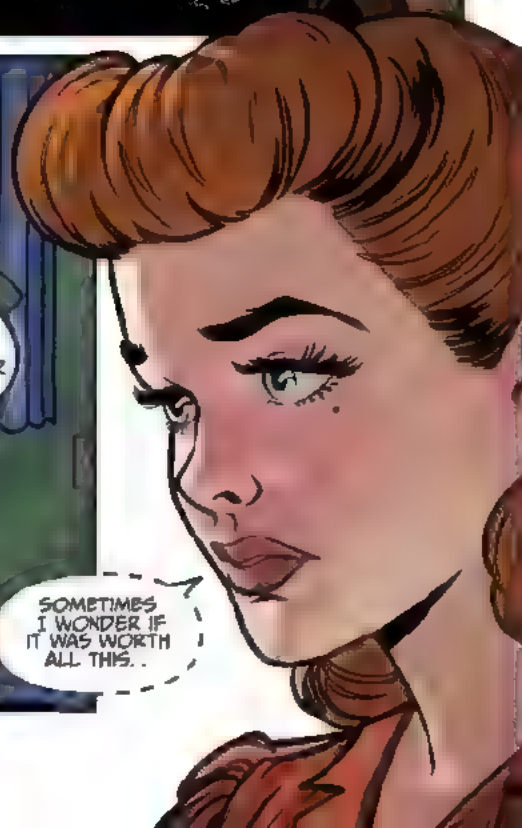


...JUST AS I'M TAKING AWAY HALLOWEEN.

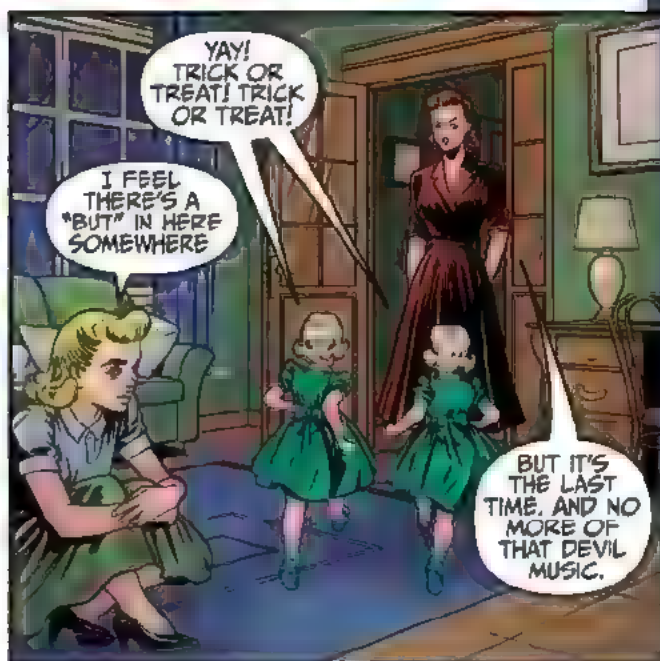
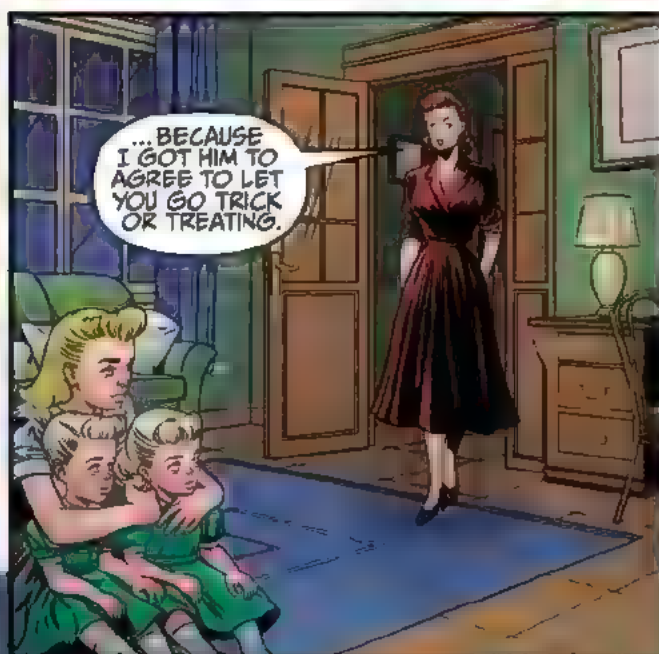
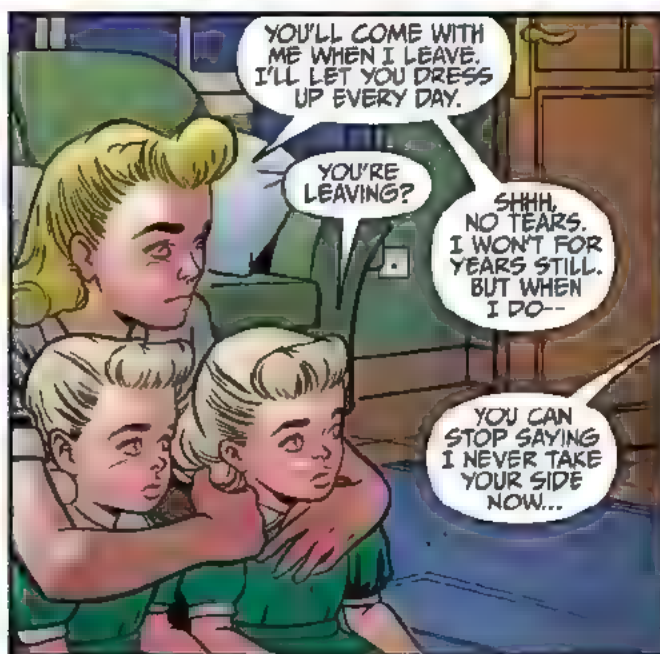
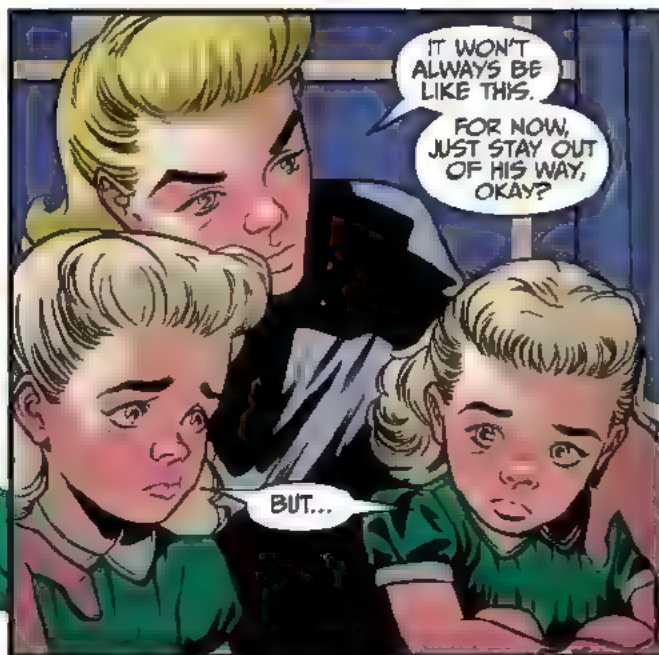
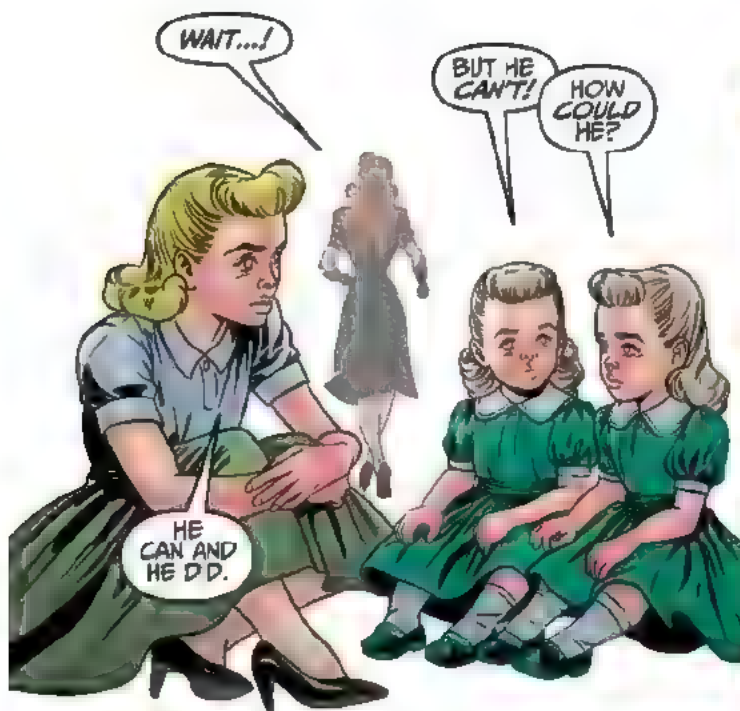
A WICKED HOLIDAY HAS NO PLACE IN A HOUSE FULL OF WICKED WOMEN. WE MUST BE EXEMPLARY IF WE WANT THE COMMUNITY TO TRUST US WITH THEIR SOULS. AND THEIR... RESOURCES.

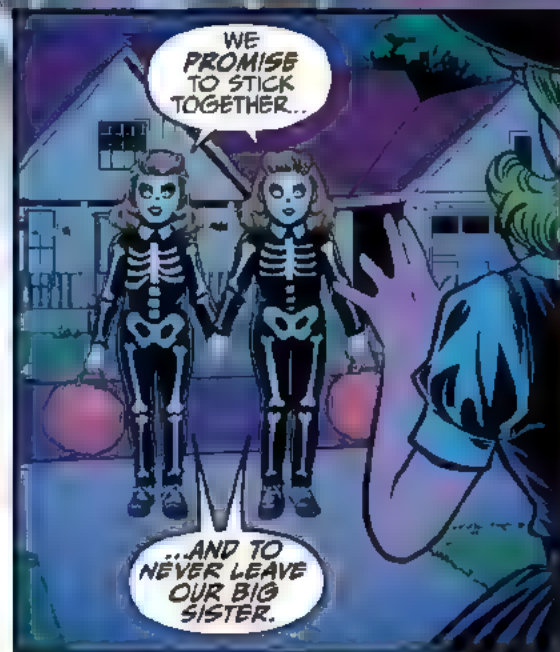
NO HALLOWEEN? NO TRICK OR TREATING?

BUT WE ALREADY HAVE OUR COSTUMES!



SOMETIMES I WONDER IF IT WAS WORTH ALL THIS...







TRICK OR TREATING. IN COSTUMES, OF COURSE.

MOM SAID WE COULD!



THEN YOU TWO GO!

BUT THIS ONE HAS BEEN CORRUPTED.



SO SHE'S STAYING RIGHT HERE!



PLEASE! DON'T LEAVE US OUT HERE!

GO GET HELP!

Round Round Round



HELP FROM WHOM?

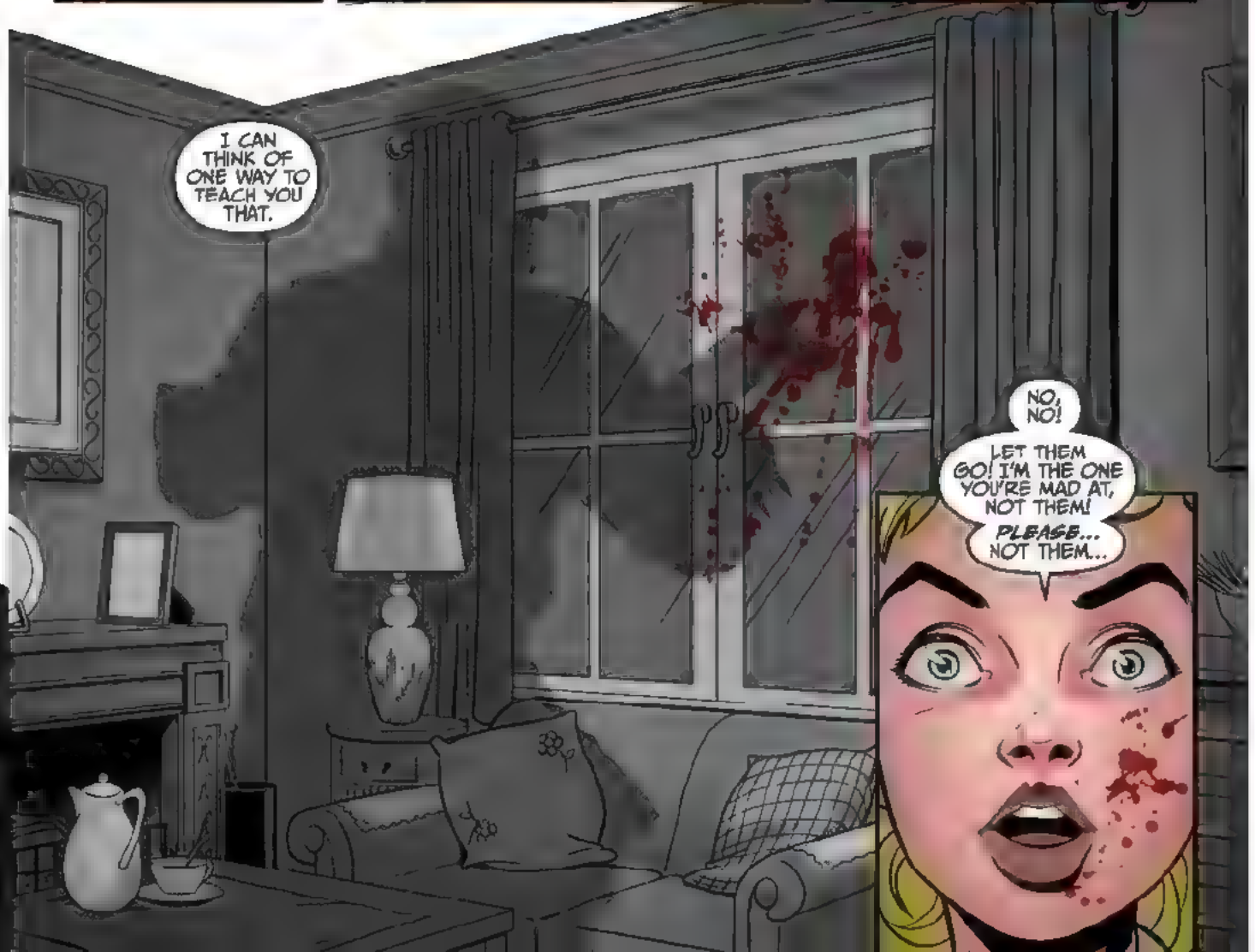
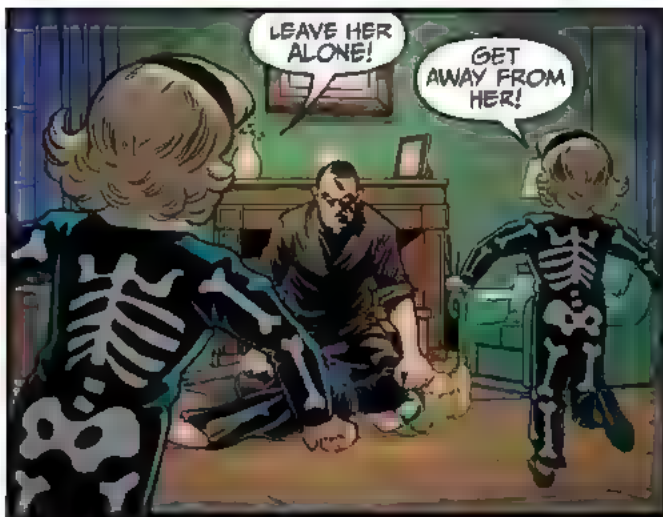
A LEADER OF THE CHURCH, A PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY?

HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED BY NOW? THAT'S ME.

Round Round Round

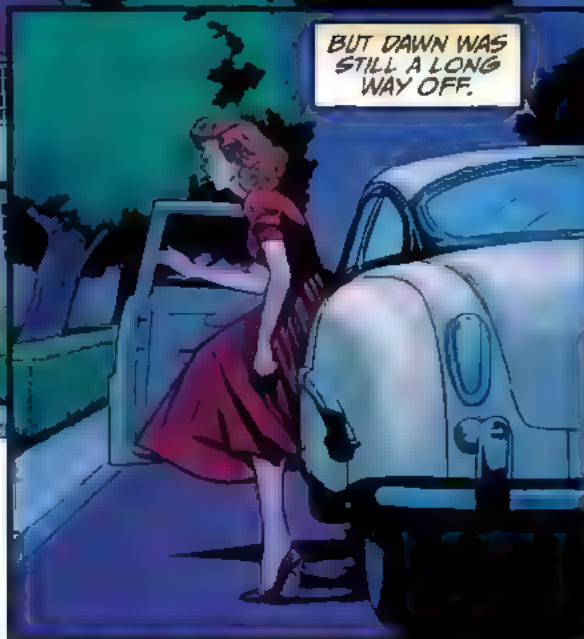


AND NOW...
...WE'RE GOING TO DRIVE THE DEVIL OUT.





YOU'D THINK IT
COULDN'T GET
ANY DARKER.

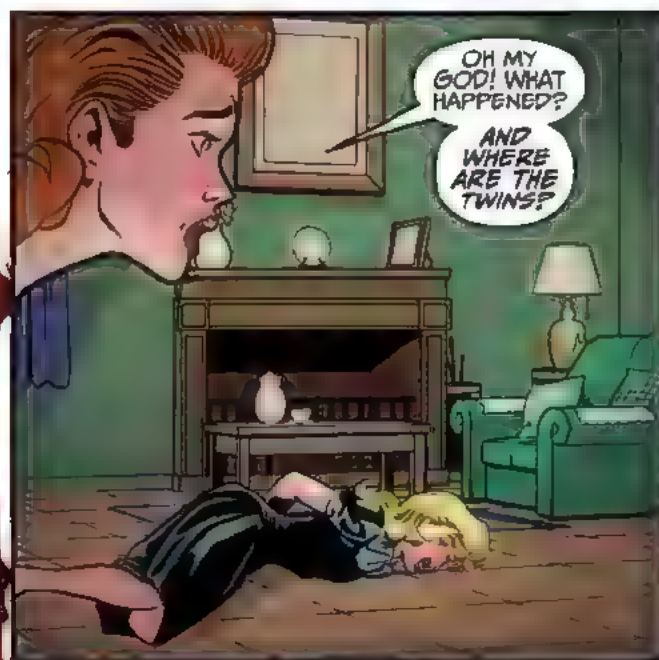


BUT DAWN WAS
STILL A LONG
WAY OFF.



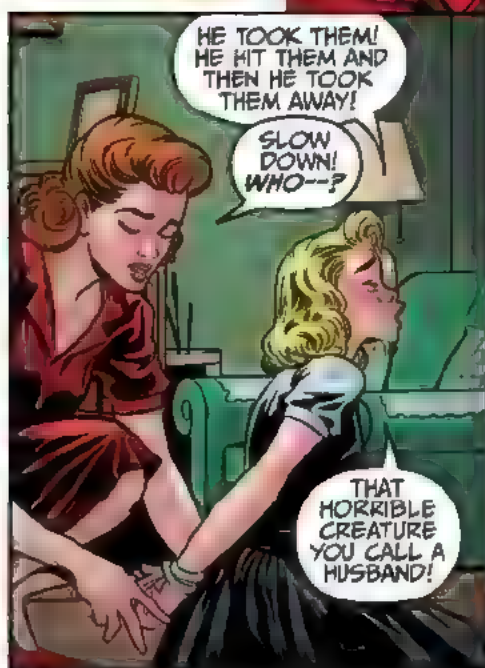
UM,
HELLO?
GIRLS?

WHOEVER
LEFT THIS
DOOR OPEN IS
GOING TO BE
SORRY!



OH MY
GOD! WHAT
HAPPENED?

AND
WHERE
ARE THE
TWIN?



HE TOOK THEM!
HE HIT THEM AND
THEN HE TOOK
THEM AWAY!

SLOW
DOWN!
WHO--?

THAT
HORRIBLE
CREATURE
YOU CALL A
HUSBAND!



WHAT...

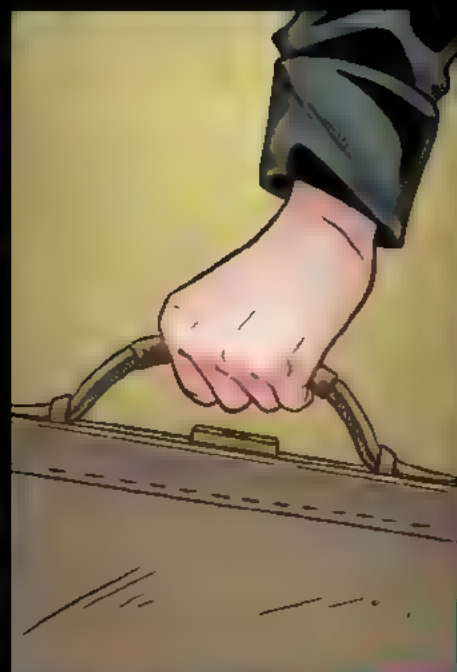
YOU
WICKED
GIRL...

...WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE?





BUT IN MY EXPERIENCE
THAT'S SOMETHING YOU
HAVE TO DO FOR YOURSELF.



IT TOOK ME
A BIT TO GET
USED TO LIFE
ON THE ROAD.

GODDAMN, IS
THERE ANYTHING
BETTER THAN
A FAST CAR?

THAT LIFE
ISN'T ALWAYS
COMFORTABLE...

...BUT ONLY
COWARDS TRADE
COMFORT
FOR BEAUTY.



THIS IS WHEN MY
NIGHT GOT THE
DARKEST, THOUGH.

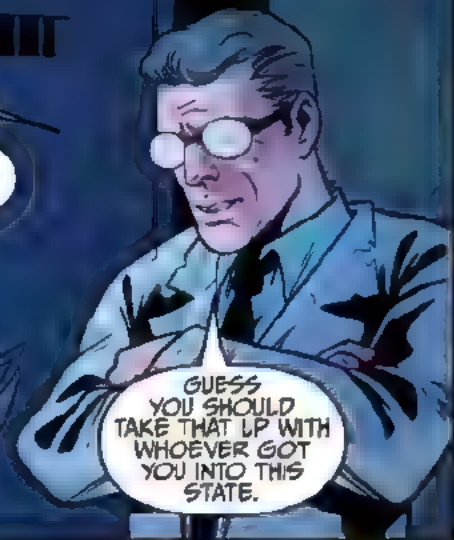


I'M
NOT RUNNING A
CHARITY. COME
BACK WHEN YOU
CAN AFFORD
ME.

WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO
DO, THEN?

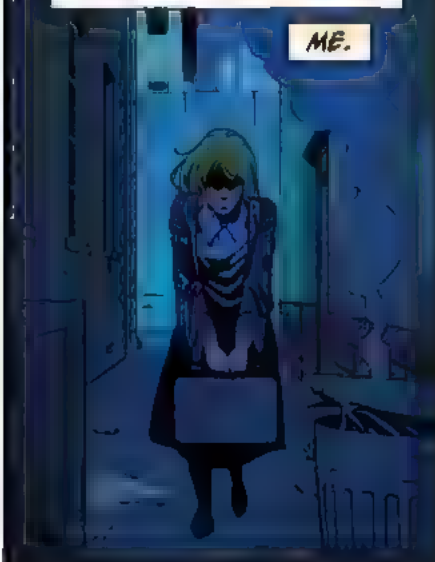


GUESS
YOU SHOULD
TAKE THAT UP WITH
WHOEVER GOT
YOU INTO THIS
STATE.



I WAS GOING TO HAVE
TO CONSULT THE ONLY
RELIABLE PERSON I KNEW...

ME.



PEOPLE RESORTED TO
ALL SORTS OF THINGS
IN THOSE DAYS.

SOME DRANK BLEACH.
SOME USED NEEDLES,
OR HOOKS.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO
BE LIKE THIS. THERE
ARE SAFE, RELIABLE
MEDICATIONS NOW.

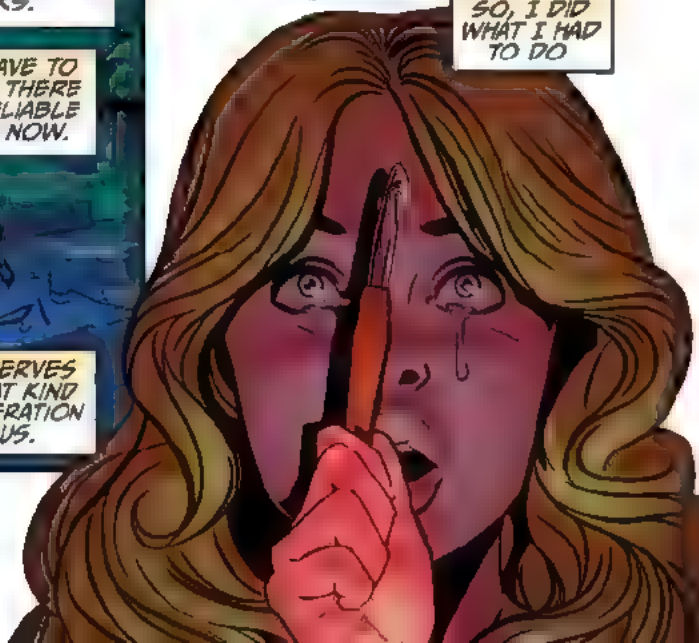


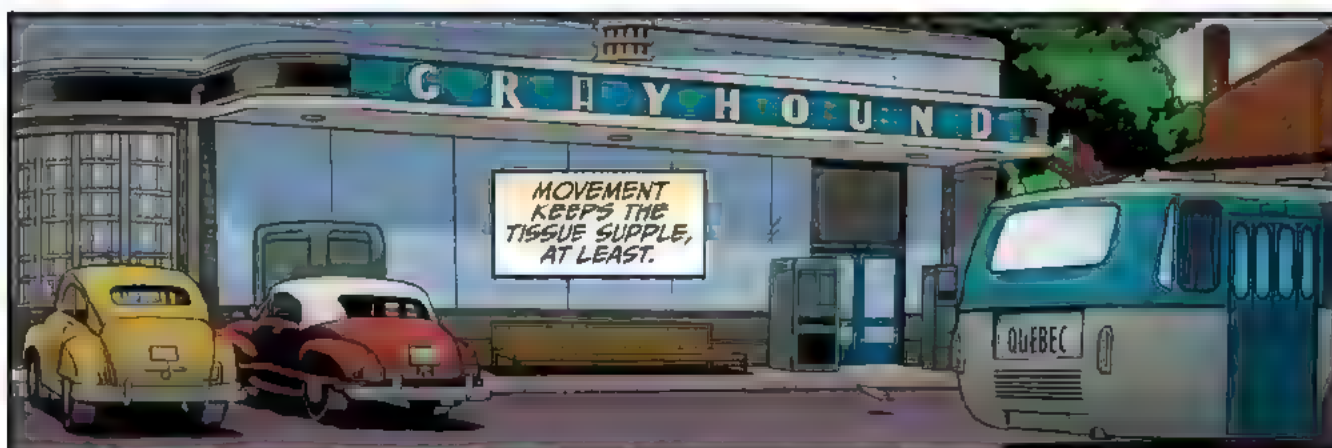
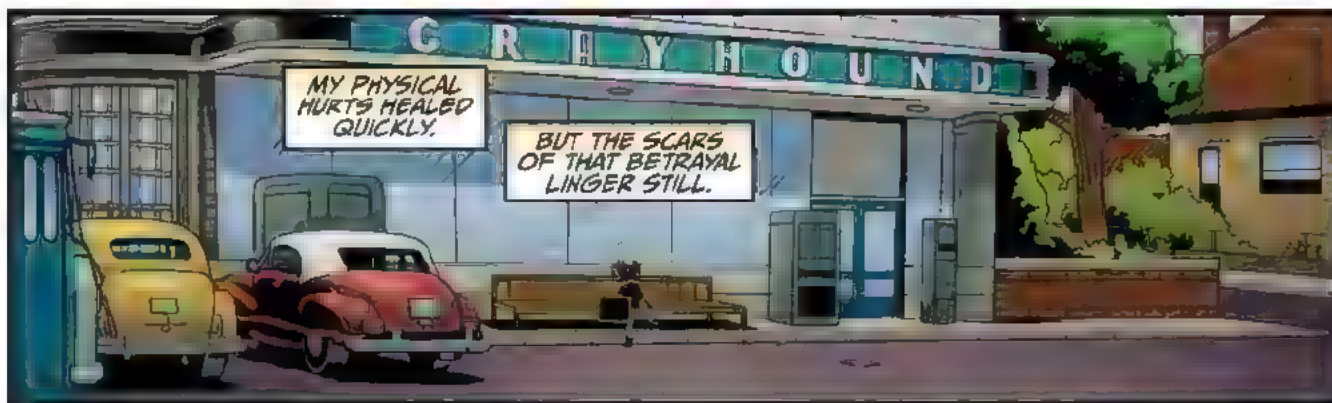
EVERYONE DESERVES
ACCESS TO THAT KIND
OF HOPE. DESPERATION
IS DANGEROUS.

PEOPLE ARE TOO IMPORTANT TO
BE BROUGHT INTO THE WORLD
THROUGH ACCIDENT, OR MALICE.
PEOPLE SHOULD BE WANTED.

AND I WAS
DETERMINED TO
SEE MY DAWN.

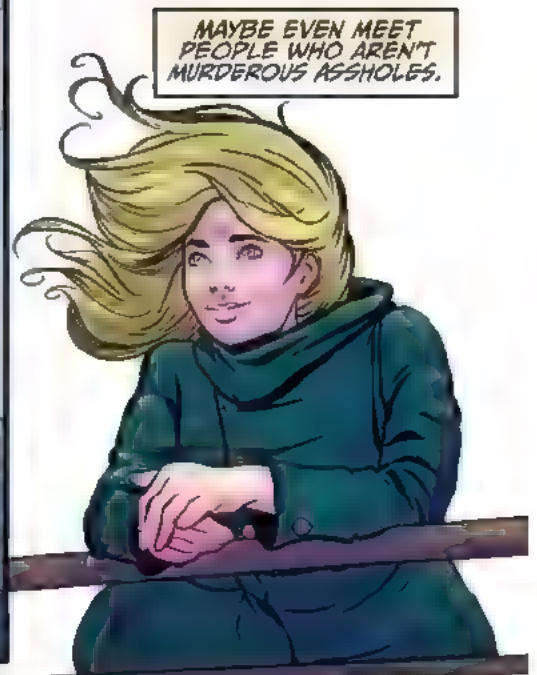
SO, I DID
WHAT I HAD
TO DO







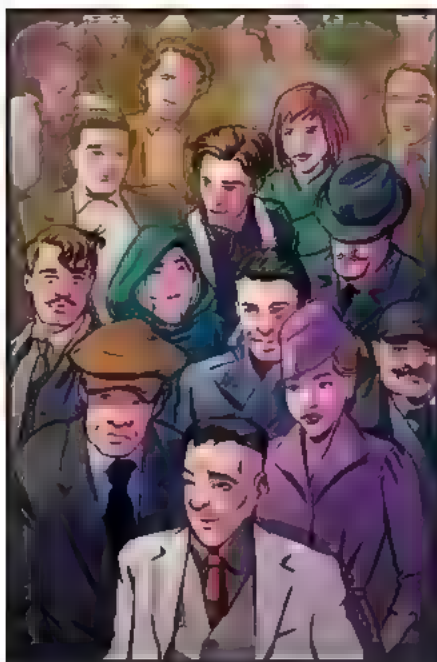
MIGHT AS
WELL SEE IT.



MAYBE EVEN MEET
PEOPLE WHO AREN'T
MURDEROUS ASSHOLES.

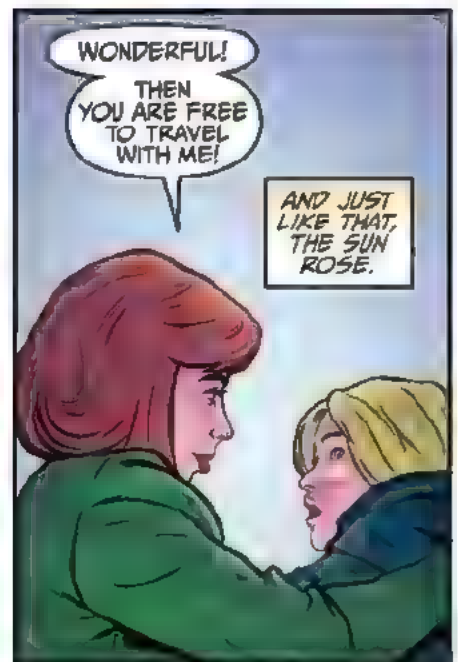


SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE.



YOU
LOOK
LOST.

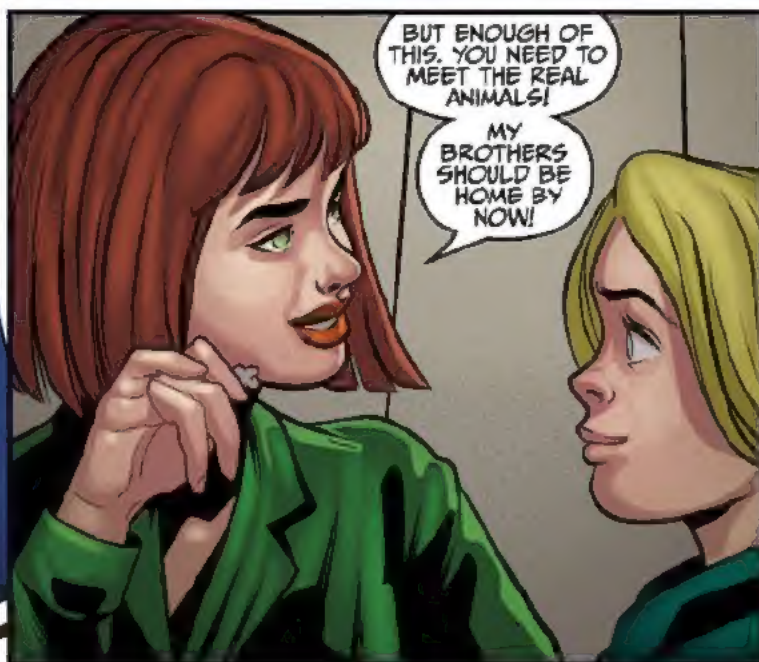
I'M...ON AN
UNSTRUCTURED
JOURNEY.

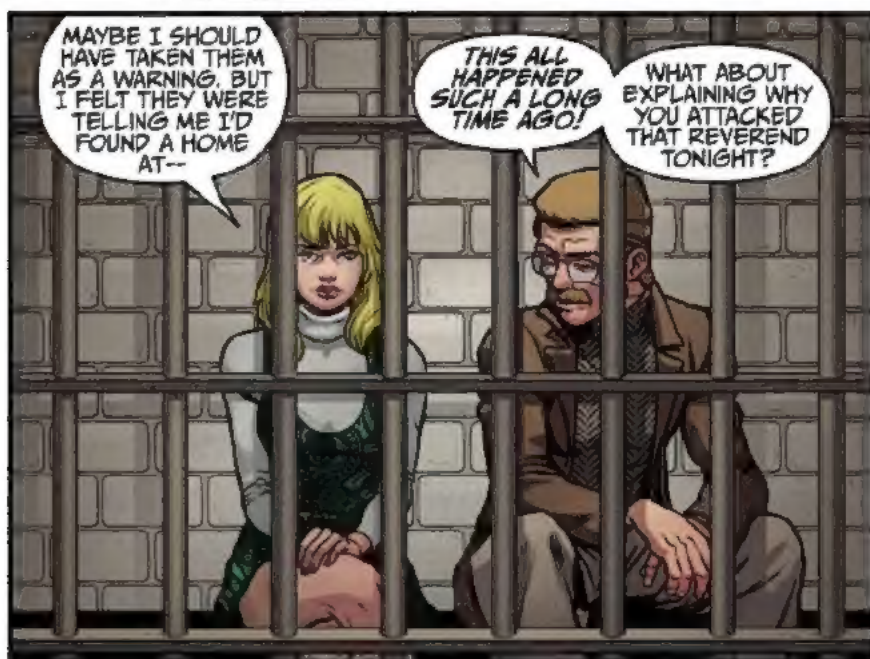


WONDERFUL!
THEN
YOU ARE FREE
TO TRAVEL
WITH ME!

AND JUST
LIKE THAT,
THE SUN
ROSE.







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